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CAREER CURIOSITY & INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

Careers in history
Jobs that uncover and
discover our world!

Turn back time and unlock the wonders of the world!

Do you have a passion for the past and want to become part of history itself?

WITHOUT HISTORY AND HISTORIANS, WE WOULD NEVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THE PRESENT DAY!

History gives us a detailed view of the world as it enhances our understanding of the forces that play a part in societies, economies, cultures, power, and faith. Historians are acute readers of evidence, always wanting to understand how to construct knowledge. They're quick to recognise context but can easily be skilled at constructing engaging arguments and proposing alternative solutions.

If you are passionate about the world's heritage, culture, and how our society came to be today, then a career in history will unlock your imagination, opening up a world of facts, evidence, and rich data. If you are fascinated by archaeology and historical eras, such as the Victorians, then exploring history will provide you with new knowledge and transferable skills that will reward you personally and create an everlasting advantage in the professional world.

Do you want to discover more about the actual lives of Henry VIII's wives? Or perhaps become an expert in ancient Egyptian rituals? If you are obsessed with all things Bridgerton, then a career in history is likely to be made for you.

Travel back in time with this informative guide, giving you an overview of some of the key reasons why pursuing a career in history can be a worthwhile and imaginative experience.

What will be your next great discovery for future generations to look back on?



"History is not the past but a map of the past, drawn from a particular point of view, to be useful to the modern traveller."

Henry Glassie, US Historian

"The one duty we owe to history is to rewrite it."

Oscar Wilde



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Why choose to learn and succeed with Tassomai?

- Bite-sized multiple choice quizzes to reinforce learning
- Short explanation videos to deepen your understanding
- Daily goals and weekly challenges
- Track your knowledge progress journey using the Tassomai tree



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Would a career in history suit you?

ARE YOU FASCINATED WITH THE MANY HISTORICAL ERAS AND HOW PEOPLE USED TO WORK, LIVE, AND SOCIALISE? DO YOU FIND YOURSELF CONSTANTLY SEARCHING FOR NEW IDEAS? DO YOU LOVE TO INVESTIGATE AND DISCOVER THE THINGS AROUND YOU?

Historians tend to be predominantly investigative individuals, which means that they are quite inquisitive and curious people that have a natural interest in the world around them. They also tend to be artistic, meaning that they are creative, original, and work well in a setting that allows for self-expression.

Below are just some of the attributes that could mean a career in history would suit you:

- You are predominantly an investigative individual.
- You are careful, quiet, and pay close attention to detail.
- You have a high desire for variety and curiosity and have an active imagination.
- Enjoy putting together a logical argument, objectively identifying what is 'right' and 'wrong'.
- You are socially responsible and have a general concern for the welfare of others.
- You're an independent thinker who is both curious and insightful.
- You like to use your mind and hands to create things.
- You are a natural at problem-solving and enjoy seeing things through to the end.
- You love to examine various types of resources and draw a clear and logical conclusion.

IF YOU SEE YOURSELF IN SOME OF THESE ATTRIBUTES, THEN PERHAPS A CAREER IN HISTORY IS PERFECT FOR YOU!

A degree in history reveals what happened in the past to create your new future.

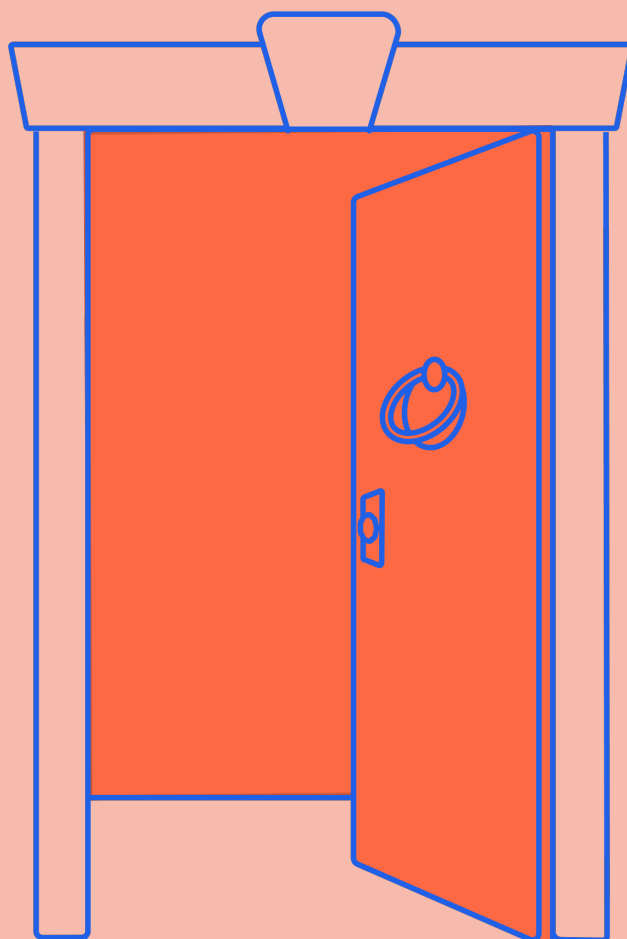
WHY CHOOSE HISTORY FOR GCSE, A-LEVEL, A DEGREE, OR A CAREER IN HISTORY?

If you are looking for not only an interesting subject to study, but job security after education, then obtaining a qualification in history will help you to stand you out from the crowd. It's also worth noting, a degree in history doesn't limit you to just becoming a famous historical writer or historian... although that does sound incredible!

Study for a history degree and you'll obtain a wealth of skills, such as critical reasoning, independent research, and analytical thinking. It's a thought-provoking academic subject, and employers regularly see a lot of value in it.

Gaining such an adaptable degree will open new opportunities in the arts and heritage sector, like curatorial or archivist roles. History is a highly sought after and academically rigorous degree that will open you up to career paths in many fields, such as education, government, media, policy, marketing, or business.

A history degree will also set you up with transferable skills ready for the workplace. So, think of it like this, an education in history will open many new doors, all whilst learning about our world's captivating past, and how society has evolved spectacularly since the beginning of time.





DID YOU KNOW...

Political, economic, scientific, technological, social, cultural, religious, and military developments are all part of history. Usually, professional historians like to specialise in a particular aspect of history, such as a specific period or geographic region.

Many successful and famous people have completed history degrees and have gone on to stamp their mark on the world! These include current US President Joe Biden, who graduated with a double major in History and Political History from the University of Delaware in 1965. Filmmaker, author, broadcaster, and journalist Louis Theroux earned a first-class degree from the University of Oxford, whilst comedian Sacha Baron Cohen graduated from the University of Cambridge before becoming a successful comedic actor and screenwriter.

All those who complete a history degree will open new opportunities to explore the many generous graduate schemes, both in the UK and abroad. Others will be in a prime position to explore on-the-job training, apprenticeships, internships, and sponsorships.

TOP TIP

Visit [talent.com](https://www.talent.com) to easily find details on average salaries and opportunities in your area.

What types of topics will you learn about in a history degree?

Studying history will develop your ability to think critically about what happened in the past, and how this shapes people's lives around the world. Many of the modules and topics covered within degree programmes are highly interesting and current (e.g. societies and economies in world history). If you decide to study history, you can expect to tackle some of the most topical, and sometimes controversial, issues humans have dealt with.

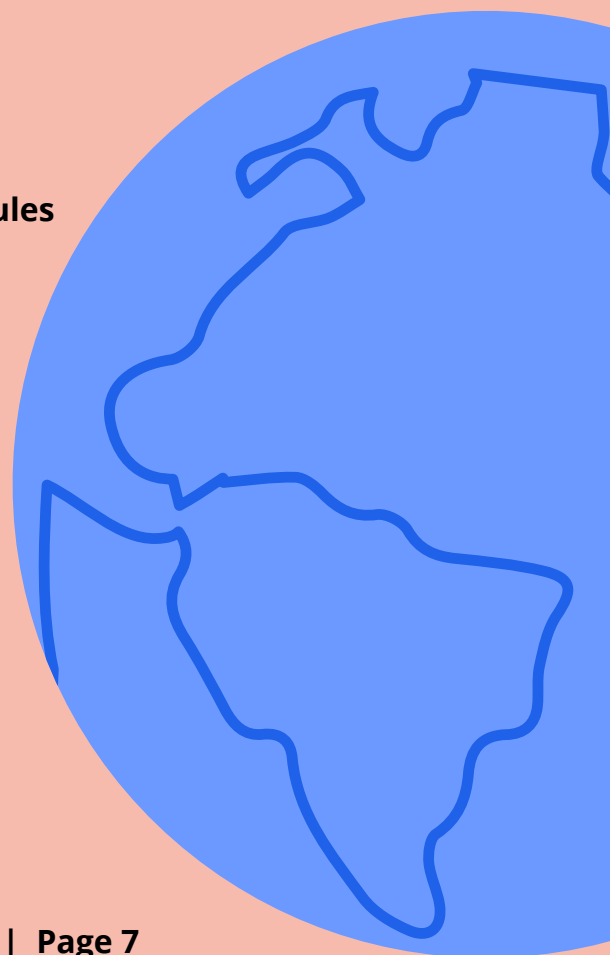
History degrees do not need to be studied alone and often include combinations with social Histories or languages, as well as the opportunity to study specific periods or regions. Many topics will mean you are collecting and analysing your data from arranged field trips, which will either be UK based or even overseas for anyone who likes to travel.

Examples of combined history-related degrees include the below:

- Ancient and Modern History BA
- Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic BA
- Economic History and Geography BSc
- History and Politics BA/BSc
- Modern European Languages and History BA

Below are just some of the diverse and topical modules you could study within a history-related degree.

- Political Communities in World History
- Historical Thinking
- A History of Africa from 1800
- Societies and Economies in World History
- Making of the Modern World
- Deviance and Nonconformity in Early Modern Europe
- A Global History of Food
- Knowledge and Beliefs in World History
- Race, Ethnicity and Migration in Modern Britain



History can help reveal your next adventure in life!

IT'S A COMMON THOUGHT THAT HISTORY IS ALL ABOUT THE TUDORS OR KNOWING ALL THE FAMOUS MUSEUMS IN THE WORLD. HOWEVER, A CAREER WITHIN HISTORY CAN TRULY TAKE YOU ANYWHERE DUE TO ITS RANGE AND VARIATION.

Historians can often be found working on political and economic issues, such as new academic research, global heritage projects, and even leading developmental work in third-world countries.

The world of history calls for those who are not just socially responsible and fascinated by how the past world functioned, but also those who are highly organised and analytical. Historians are typically people with a natural curiosity for ancient stories, with a flair and skill for producing detailed research.

Historians' understanding of complex global relationships makes them perfectly suited for working in all areas of government, both within the UK and overseas. Studying history teaches you about people and society, trains you to identify facts, and gives you plenty of experience in presenting your research to others clearly.



"History is who we are and why we are the way we are."

David McCullough
American historian

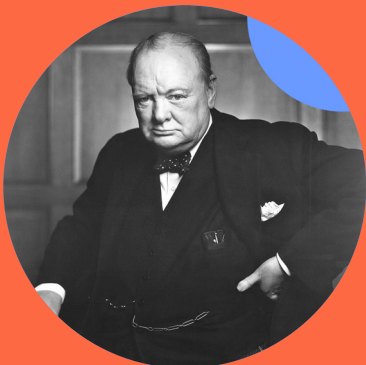
"To study history means submitting yourself to chaos, but nevertheless retaining your faith in order and meaning."

Hermann Hesse
German writer, and poet



"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it."

Winston Churchill



Jobs in history changing the world

YOU MAY HEAR OF ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS AND MUSEUM OFFICERS, BUT WHAT ABOUT INTERESTING AND VARIED JOBS, SUCH AS AN ARCHIVIST, GENEALOGIST, OR HERITAGE MANAGER?

Let's explore some of those lesser-known, equally impactful jobs in history that help to impact our world:

Archivists preserve any historic original materials and help people obtain them. They mainly work with paper documents, photographs, maps, films, and computer records. Many begin their careers as historians and then attend classes to learn from experienced archivists.

Heritage Managers conserve, manage, and provide access to heritage sites such as historic buildings, landscapes, museums, and ancient monuments. Heritage managers also look after historic properties and sites, keeping them and their contents in good condition, so that visitors can enjoy them.

Political Analysts study how political systems originate, develop, and operate. They typically research and analyse political ideas, governments, policies, diplomatic trends, and foreign relations.

Genealogists help people to trace their family history and ancestors. For example, a genealogist may be able to discover who your immigrant ancestors were and where they came from. A genealogist can also research specific family lines back to a certain period or individual.

Gallery Curators oversee a collection of exhibits in a museum or art gallery. Their role is to build up collections, often in specialist areas. Curators develop ways in which objects, archives, and artworks can be interpreted, through a range of exhibitions, publications, events, and audio-visual presentations.

There are hundreds of jobs that a degree in history will open doors to, as you will have highly desired skills that employers are actively looking for, like data handling, strong communication and research. This will mean you can instantly start applying for jobs in industries such as finance, transport, retail, IT, and the public sector.

DID YOU KNOW?

Five years after graduation, history graduates have an above-average likelihood of gaining employment. History graduate employment rates outperform other similar disciplines, including politics, physics, and sociology.

What are the three common types of history?

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE THREE C'S OF HISTORY – CONTEMPORARY, COUNTERFACTUAL, AND CULTURAL?

History is extremely varied and captivating, offering anyone who studies it the choice of bespoke and interesting types of history to study. Broadly speaking, history can be broken down into three types: contemporary, counterfactual, and cultural:

Contemporary history is a subset of modern history that describes the historical period from approximately 1945, after World War II, to the present day. The purpose of contemporary history is to conceptualise and contextualise some aspects of the recent past or to provide a historical understanding of current trends, or developments.

Counterfactual history is all about analysing the 'what if' across past events. Its aim is "conjecturing on what did not happen, or what might have happened, to understand what did happen". For historians, counterfactuals are statements about what would have happened in the past if some historical fact had been otherwise.

Cultural history studies and interprets the record of human societies by signifying the various distinctive ways of living, built up by a group of people under consideration. Cultural history brings to life a past time and place by studying everyday life, experiences, values, and norms attached to cultural production.

Don't worry if you are unsure about what type of history, or period you want to explore at this stage. All history and history-combination degrees will explore a variety of engaging subjects and topics, while using a range of quantitative and qualitative techniques, including all three types of history listed above!

"The best moments in reading are when you come across something – a thought, a feeling, a way of looking at things – which you had thought special and particular to you. And now, here it is, set down by someone else, a person you have never met, someone even who is long dead. And it is as if a hand has come out and taken yours."

Alan Bennett, English playwright



The greatest historical discoveries ever made!

TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES THANKS TO PAST HISTORIANS. COULD YOU BE THE NEXT GREAT HISTORIAN TO UNCOVER A NEW WONDER OF THE WORLD?



Pompeii (1748) After the devastating volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, Pompeii was an ancient Roman city that was buried under ash and pumice. The eruption demolished the city and killed its inhabitants. It is a sad story but one that left us with a vast archaeological site and a mass of Roman treasure. A great deal of our knowledge of everyday life in Roman times is owed to the very existence of Pompeii. Because the city was buried deep under ash, there was no air or moisture, meaning buildings, objects, and cadavers have stayed well-preserved for thousands of years for historians to discover.



Rosetta Stone (1799) Dating back to 196 BC, the Rosetta Stone was inscribed with a decree from the Ptolemaic King Ptolemy V, across three languages: Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, Demotic script, and Ancient Greek. The Rosetta Stone is one of the most important objects currently on display in the British Museum, as it holds the key to understanding Egyptian hieroglyphs. Its discovery made it the first ancient Egyptian bilingual text uncovered in modern times. The language had previously been impossible to decipher, and a bilingual find of this kind meant historians could begin to make sense of hieroglyphs.



Tutankhamun's Tomb (1922) The great Tutankhamun was discovered by Howard Carter and George Herbert in 1922. The ancient burial site (officially known by its tomb number KV62) was uncovered intact in the Valley of the Kings. Upon discovery, the tomb contained over 2,000 pieces of valuable antiques. Tutankhamun, an ancient Egyptian pharaoh, remains a worldwide symbol and subject of historical interest to this present day. Most of the tomb's goods were sent to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and are now in the Grand Egyptian Museum in Giza, although Tutankhamun's mummy and sarcophagus are still on display in their original home.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

History and archaeology often go hand-in-hand as archaeology is the study of past cultures. Archaeologists are interested in how people of the past lived, worked, traded with others, moved across the landscape, and what they believed!

Making your mark on history

WHO ARE SOME OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL HISTORIANS TO HAVE GRACED OUR PLANET?



Karl Marx was a revolutionary, sociologist, historian, and economist. He published the famous Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei (1848), commonly known as The Communist Manifesto, the most celebrated book in the history of the socialist movement. He was also the author of the movement's most important book, Das Kapital.

Marx's work laid the foundations for future communist leaders, such as Vladimir Lenin and Josef Stalin. Operating from the premise that capitalism contained the seeds of its own destruction, his ideas formed the basis of Marxism and served as a theoretical base for communism.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a key figure across black history and is most identified for his contributions to the American civil rights movement in the 1960s. His greatest work is his "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered in 1963, in which he spoke of his dream of a United States that is void of segregation and racism.



His adoption of nonviolent resistance to achieve equal rights for Black Americans earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.



Livy was a Roman historian, writer, and philosopher who lived from 59 B.C.E. to 17 C.E. Livy's most famous work was for his history of Rome and the Roman Empire, in which he narrates a complete history of the city, from its foundation to the death of Augustus. Livy's history emphasises the great triumphs of Rome, reflecting on the attitudes and culture of the Eternal City during his time.

He is often considered one of the three great Roman historians, along with Tacitus and Sallust.

FUN FACT

WHAT ARE THE OLDEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD? IT'S SOMETHING THAT HISTORIANS OFTEN DEBATE, HERE ARE FIVE CONTENDERS:

Egypt	Japan	China	San Marino	France
3500 BCE	660 BCE	221 BCE	301 CE	843 CE

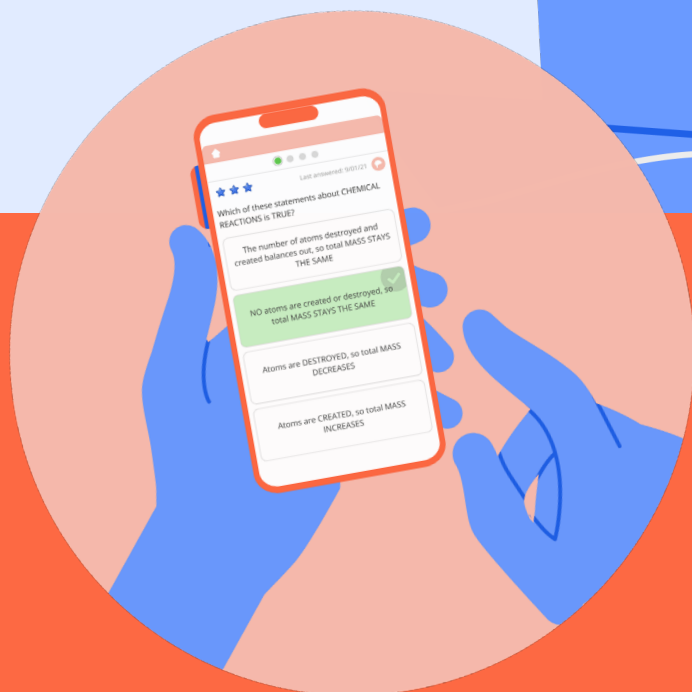
BCE = before common era. CE = common era

Passion vs Skill

HAVE YOU GOT AN INDUSTRY YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT BUT WORRIED YOU DON'T HAVE THE SKILL SET TO PURSUE A CAREER?

Don't let that put you off, in actual fact, some employers value personality and passion over skill. You train skills but you can't change a person's drive and attitude.

However, of course, having both of these will really make you stand out from the crowd in today's competitive market.



Studies have shown people learn more when they work for concentrated, short bursts every day, frequently switching between topics and returning to them at strategically timed intervals.

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What does someone with a history degree look like?



Historian Researcher & Egyptologist Rose Simmons

LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO THE YEAR 2035. HISTORY DEGREE GRADUATE "ROSE" HAS BEEN WORKING AS A HISTORIAN RESEARCHER, SPECIALISING IN ANCIENT EGYPT.

SINCE SHE WAS A YOUNG GIRL, SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED BY THE HISTORY SURROUNDING EGYPT, LEADING TO HER TO WORK ON ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST CAPTIVATING & RECENT DISCOVERIES.

Rose has always been obsessed with the vast kingdom of ancient Egypt since she was about 10 years old. She even used to try and build pyramids instead of sandcastles when visiting the seaside!

After graduating from university and becoming an Egyptologist, she was fortunate enough to be part of an excavation mission team working with Dr. Zahi Hawass, helping with the discovery of the 'lost golden city' Aten, situated near the city of Luxor. Aten is said to be the largest ancient region found in Egypt, buried under sand for thousands of years.

The Egyptian mission that Rose worked on under Dr. Hawass found the city that was lost under the sands after over seven months of excavations. It is said that the new 'lost' city is 3,000 years old, and dates to the reign of Amenhotep III, making it the largest ancient city ever uncovered in Egypt.

Rose commented on this latest finding and how much she has enjoyed working on this mission:

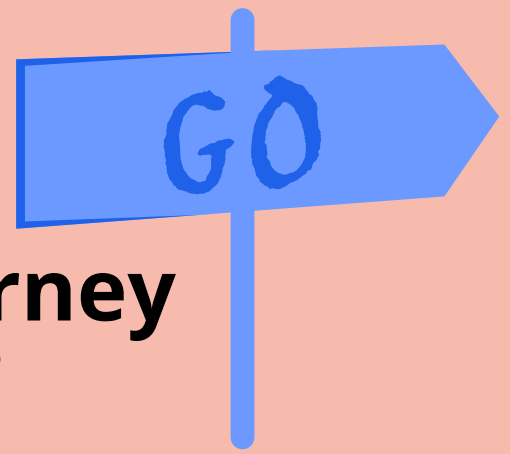
"I feel so privileged and fortunate to have been working on this mission and become part of history. The archaeological layers found in Aten have laid untouched for thousands of years, left by the ancient residents as if it were yesterday."

Rose said the city "will give the world a rare glimpse into the life of the ancient Egyptians at the time when the empire was at its wealthiest".

Rose and the team working on the discovery project said it was optimistic that further important finds would be revealed!

"The mission expects to uncover untouched tombs filled with treasures!"

WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL LOOK BACK ON?



Where does your journey within history begin?

For anyone wanting to get into history and study further at a higher education level, start by taking history as an option at both GCSE and A-Levels. This will start giving you insights and learnings about key history topics, such as migration across Britain since circa 790 and historical empires like the Romans.

You don't need to be top of your class to get a career in the field of history (although it does help!), the main thing you need to do to kickstart your career is a passion and interest in historical artefacts, and how society has evolved throughout the centuries.

You also don't just have to get experience in the classroom. Simply explore your local library for old records and publications about your favourite historical era! Start to question and explore how our monarchy came to be, and why empires have risen (and fallen!) throughout the past. You can also visit your local museum or heritage site to explore your home area, and what it has to offer in terms of historical data. What did your birth town or city look like 300 years ago?

Martin Luther King Jr. once exquisitely said, "If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but by all means keep moving."

Do you want to explore how the rights of marginalised populations have evolved over time, such as gender equality and BAME groups? Are you fascinated by ancient texts and publications, like Anne Frank's diary, that explore just how the world and societies used to work?

Perhaps you've always been interested in museums and how historical artefacts came to be. The next step is to start reading, watching, and learning about your passions and gaining more views and insights into the history of the world.

Identify possible pathways with the Tassomai Tree



A great place to start is identifying which areas of History you have a natural flair for. If you're a Tassomai user, your Tassomai tree is a great visual representation of your natural strengths per topic.

Do you have a branch that has more green leaves than the others? This could be a possible career pathway you might want to explore further.

See tassomai.com/tree to find out more.

Open your eyes and imagination to a world of discovery!

IF YOU KNOW THAT EXPLORING A CAREER IN HISTORY IS YOUR AMBITION IN LIFE, IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO TELL A TEACHER.

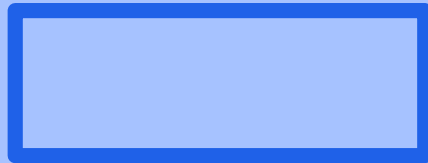
Did you know one of the best career advisors you can speak to isn't your parents, siblings, or your pet dog? It's your favourite teacher! They'll want to know and help you understand and achieve your career ambitions. They'll be full of good advice about your GCSEs, which A-Levels to take, and your many options even later, at university.

They may also have some brilliant podcasts or further reading recommendations.

We love the following books but, as with all things that are enjoyable, there are too many marvellous ones to mention:

Precolonial Black Africa

CHEIKH ANTA DIOP



Worth Dying For: The Power and Politics of Flags

Tim Marshall

The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers

PAUL KENNEDY

A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived: The Stories in Our Genes

ADAM RUTHERFORD

The Battle for Spain

ANTONY BEEVOR

WE'D ALSO RECOMMEND KEEPING UP WITH HISTORY IN THE MODERN DAY.

[History.com](https://www.history.com) and the Sky History Channel are great resources for fascinating stories around specific topics, such as Pearl Harbour and Native American history. It also has a 'This day in history' section to keep you up-to-date on historical snapshots across time.

The BBC also has a specialist history magazine that you can subscribe to, and a fantastic website providing detailed content, such as newsletters, editorial features, and historical TV and film recommendations. (Check it out at [historyextra.com](https://www.historyextra.com)!)

Many other brilliant podcasts and YouTube videos can be found online, here are some of our top picks!

You may enjoy the following on YouTube channels:

- History Channel
- Oversimplified
- Timeline - World History Documentaries
- The History Guy
- Weird History
- Tasting History with Max Miller

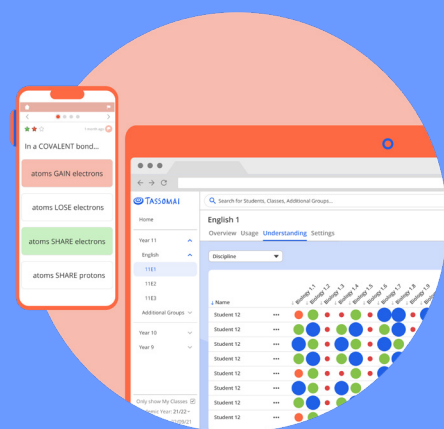
Podcasts:

- Dan Carlin's Hardcore History
- The History of Rome
- The History of English Podcast
- Buried Truths
- Russian Rulers History Podcast
- The Bowery Boys
- The Rest is History

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